

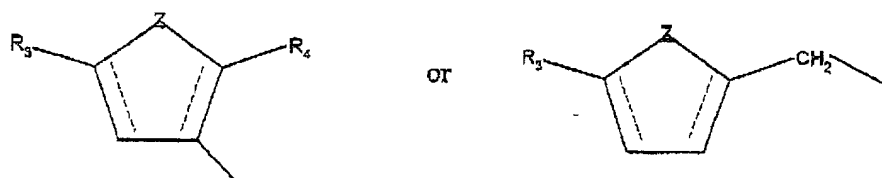
## ABSTRACT

5 The invention relates to flavour precursors having the formula



wherein

10  $R_1$  is a heterocyclic radical selected from the group consisting of



wherein Z is an oxygen or a sulphur atom,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  represent hydrogen or an  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group and the symbol  $\text{-----}$  represents a single or double bond,

15 and

$R_2$  is derived from a group of primary alcohol compounds consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$  alkanols, glycerol and mono-, oligo- and polysaccharides, wherein the oxygen of the  $R_2$ -O- moiety is attached to a primary carbon atom of  $R_2$

20 Further the invention relates to the foodstuffs provided with a flavour precursor specified above.